

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND
CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS MINUTES**

DATE: March 9, 2012

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Center
Poplar Room, 227 French Landing
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Susan Hammonds-White, Ed.D. LPC, President
Brenda L. Dew, Ph.D., LMFT
James Philpott, Th.D., LMFT, LCPT
Stephen Caldwell, MDiv, Citizen Member
Janet Scott, Ph.D., LPC, LCPT

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Miller, Director, Health Related Boards
Mark Waters, Advisory Attorney
Stacy Tarr, Interim Unit Director
Sherry Owens, Board Administrator

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew to approve the December 9, 2011 minutes as amended. The motion carried.

Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve the January 30, 2012 minutes as amended. The motion carried.

OGC Report

Mr. Waters stated that there are three (3) open cases in the Office of General Counsel. The rule amendments approved at the January 28, 2011 rulemaking hearing have been signed and are in the governor's office for review and are scheduled to become effective January 1, 2013.

Mr. Waters introduced Senate Bill 3724/House Bill 3814; Music Therapy Practice Act, which would create a Board to license Music Therapists. The Board took no action on this Bill.

Investigative Report

There are five (5) cases open for licensed professional counselors and three (3) for marital and family therapists.

Monitored Practitioners Report

There are two practitioners currently being monitored.

Administrative Report

There are 1486 licensed professional counselors, 390 licensed marital and family therapists and 28 licensed pastoral therapists.

As of March 2, 2012, 1190 licensed professional counselors have the mental health service provider endorsement.

Financial Report

As of FY11 through June 30, 2011 the Board had direct expenditures of \$47,336.77, indirect expenditures of \$64,713.80 and revenue collections of \$227,070.25. The cumulative carryover as of June 30, 2011 is \$317,780.41.

Report from AASCB Conference

Susan Hammonds-White and Brenda Dew attended the AASCB Conference in January 2012. There have been several changes in insurance coverage, especially TriCare which will affect the licensure at the State level at some point. Dr. Hammonds-White asked if the State of Tennessee could sponsor a breakout session, which usually includes breakfast or afternoon snacks, at the next meeting in January 2013. Information regarding sponsorship will be presented at the June 2012 Board meeting.

Review/ratify ethics and jurisprudence examination results

Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew, to approve the ethics and jurisprudence exam results for the following licensed marital and family therapists:

Sara Hopkins
Kirstee William
Kenneth Winter
James Caldwell
Tina Collier
Belinda Fanning
Amanda Westmoreland
Laura Ramey
Vance Tibbetts

Emily McCord
Heather Deyton
Debra Clements
Blakely Forrest

The motion carried.

Ratify newly licensed, reinstatement and temporary permits

Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew, to approve the newly licensed professional counselors.

Angela Alden
Catherine Armstrong
Lane Carpenter
Christine Cherba
Ruth Cohen
Cassandra Driver
Tarri Driver
Rita Eastmond
Frances Fachilla
Melissa Frye
Lisa Green
Amy Hammett
Laura Kellicut
Tiffany Latta
Sarlenna Locklear
Mary Lyle-Joiner
Sharon Maloney
Vicki Moorehouse
David Palaia
Elizabeth Porter
Angela Redwine
Beth Retzer
Michael Reynolds
Rebecca Townsend
John Tracy
Kristen Vaughn
Stanley Vespie
Julie Williams
Carol Wood

The motion carried.

Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to approve the temporary licensed professional counselors.

Kelly Flanagan
Kandie Hansen

The motion carried.

Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew, to approve the newly licensed marital and family therapists.

James Caldwell
Debra Clements
Tina Collier
Heather Deyton
Belinda Fanning
Blakely Forrest
Sara Hopkins
Emily McCord
Laura Ramey
Vance Tibbetts
Amanda Westmoreland
Kirstee Williams
Kenneth Winters, Jr

The motion carried.

Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Philpott, to approve the temporary licensed marital and family therapists.

Melanie Abbott
Michael Coffey
Karen Costello
Valerie Golden
Bryan Holmes
Ashley Jacobs
Megan Kandros
Codi Kyle
Erin Rayburn
Sara Root
Philip Zimmerman

The motion carried.

Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to approve the reinstated licensed professional counselors.

Mary Banks
Kasia Ferguson
Richard Jackson

Thurston Moore

The motion carried.

Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to approve the reinstated licensed marital and family therapists

Carol Nichols

The motion carried.

Criminal Background Checks

Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to adopt the policy that criminal background checks will be valid for 12 months (1 year) from the date of receipt in the Board office. The motion carried.

Student Assistance Corporation and Child Support Suspensions

Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to adopt the policy regarding the posting of notice 30 days prior to license suspensions for failing to pay child support and/or repay student loans. The motion carried.

Agreed Citations for Continuing Education

Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew to allow the licensee to make up the hours, if in non-compliance, within a 90 day period without penalty or disciplinary action. If they do not comply with the makeup of 90 days then the licensee will be assessed the monetary penalty and issued an agreed citation. The motion carried.

Rules

Dr. Hammonds-White requested that the discussion regarding continuing education hours being changed from 10 every year to 20 every 2 years be placed on the agenda for the June meeting. Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to delete the section of the rulemaking hearing regarding the supervisor being present in the office when supervisees are working but there must be an emergency plan in place and leave all other parts of the rulemaking hearing as is. The motion carried.

Correspondence

Lynn Conley, submitted a letter to the Board asking to clarify supervision for LPC versus a LPC/MHSP. Dr. Hammonds-White stated that she would respond to Ms. Conley via letter and send a copy to Ms. Owens for the correspondence file. LPC requirement is 1000 post masters supervision hours with 100 directly supervised and for LPC with MHSP it is 3000 hours with 150 directly supervised.

Elizabeth Valentine, submitted a letter to the Board requesting an extension of her post masters supervision past the 4 year requirement due to maternity leave. Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Philpott to waive the requirement of a maximum of 4 years for post masters supervision. The motion carried.

Cherry Copeland submitted a letter to the Board requesting an extension of her post masters supervision past the 4 year requirement due to unforeseen circumstances. Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to waive the requirement of a maximum of 4 years for post masters supervision. The motion carried.

Nicole Brown submitted a letter to the Board requesting that Father Ryan High School be considered a clinical setting for her school practicum and or internship. Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to grant the request. The motion carried.

Stephanie Tucker, submitted a letter to the Board requesting that she be able to complete her supervision via Skype due to her spouse being deployed to Korea. Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell for Ms. Tucker to be able to complete her supervision via Skype while she is deployed. The motion carried.

Christine White submitted a letter to the Board requesting that she be able to complete her supervision in the 1000 hours rule since she actually started in 2006 but did not finish. Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew to allow her to complete 1000 hours with 100 directly supervised supervision hours. The motion carried.

Deidre Jackson, LPC, submitted a letter to the Board requesting a waiver of penalty fees regarding her reinstatement application. With regret the Board cannot waive the fees and she will need to cease practicing until she can reinstate her license.

2013 Board Dates

March 1, 2013

June 7, 2013

September 13, 2013

December 6, 2013

All meetings will start at 9 a.m. central standard time and will be held at the Health Related Boards Conference Center, 227 French Landing, Suite 150, Nashville TN 37243, unless otherwise indicated.

Other Board Business

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, to adjourn at 12:00 noon. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board on June 29, 2012